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Theory Versus Practice

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Long years ago, when a little boy,
I was taught in the Sabbath school
To sing and pray in the good old way,
And practice the golden rule;
That God was Father of all mankind,
At home or across the sea;
That we were brothers to all the others,
Wherever they chanced to be.

That God commanded—thou shalt not kill,
Or steal—and approved the plan
That a man be hung, be he old or young,
Who murders a fellow man.
But I was taken from Sabbath school
Along with a host of others;
Was armed and sent by the government
To murder our southern brothers.

The southern brethren, likewise taught,
By equally pious mothers,
Instead of running, were all out gunning,
And hunting their Yankee brothers.
Both sides had cannon, guns, bullets, shells,
For tearing men's bodies in twain;
And surgeons, yearning to prove their learning,
By patching them up again.

Both sides sent chaplains in Jesus' name,
Imploring us not to revel;
And both served whisky to make the boys frisky,
And fit them to raise the devil.
These chaplains prayed to the selfsame God,
That He would the missiles guide
To kill the others, His sons, their brothers,
Who stood on the other side.

A host went out, and a few returned;
Some crippled, some strutting about,
With stories thrilling of wholesale killing;
You think they were hanged, no doubt.
Well, Grant, the chief, was made President;
The rest, it is understood,
[illegible]
And killing the most they could.

But useful workmen are driven like slaves,
And docked if they're late, or shirk,
Till more is made than required for trade,
Then clubbed if they beg for work;
Kicked out to starve if they steal a cent,
They're jailed for a crook or tough;
But the thrifty gent is to Congress sent,
Provided he steals enough.

We claim to worship the Prince of Peace,
But trust in the sword and gun;
We pay men pensions for wholesale murder,
But hang them for killing one.
So we conclude its a crime to kill
One brother, or steal a cent;
But kill a half million, or steal a full billion,
YOU'RE BOSS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Mission of Judas

BY J. M. BARNES IN BOSTON TRANSCRIPT.

They called him Judas, and through all the years
His name has been a peg on which to hang
The sinfulness and guilt of all mankind.
Perhaps the verdict of the years is just;
We cannot tell. We only know this man
Was loved by Him who loved not wicked men.
We only know the [illegible] faiths—
The God of love—has ofttimes chosen means
That to man's pygmy vision seemed obscure
To gain the end he wished—the good of man.
Was Judas, too, a means to gain an end?
An instrument but used for mankind's weal?
We can but guess.

The darkness of the night
But makes the coming dawn more visible,
And winter's gloomy days and icy blasts
Serve but to make us love the summer more.
It might be that our God designed to show
That Satan, even there, could find a place
Amongst a band where all seemed holiness.
Sublimest sermon to the years to come
Of ceaseless conflict between good and bad—
The ever vivid contrast of the two!
If so, much-hated Judas only played
His part in our redemption; and if e'er
We reach that bourne where there is naught but peace,
Who knows but we may meet and learn to love
A man whom centuries have loathed and scorned,
Who but fulfilled his mission or his fate?
In time's great fullness will the truth be known,
When he "who so loved man" shall claim his own.

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Stones Some Builders Reject

By Mrs. Mila Tupper Maynard

Certain conceptions held essential by political Socialists the world over are little understood by many who sympathize with the Socialist ideal. They miss much in not wrestling with these principles until they master their splendid import. A great movement does not in sheer willfulness insist upon matters of slight or questionable concern.

Let me give some idea of what these fundamental doctrines of sociologic faith mean to me, some glimpse of the sentiments which encompass our science.

First, the class struggle with the class consciousness which makes it an intelligent, vital force. This stone at the head of the corner is one the sentimental Socialist builder invariably rejects with high-minded disapproval, if not with righteous indignation. To me the one thing more than all others before which I bow to-day in reverence, as to the flaming bush and pillar of fire, is the class consciousness of the laborer. It is for this generation the sacred, nature-consecrated force, the divine dynamic by which the vast processes of evolution are to be achieved. It is the latest phase thus far of the world-drama by which the separated units of existence are being welded together into larger and larger wholes.

Had I been present when the earth was making—when

"The center fires heaves underneath the earth,
And the earth changes like a human face;
The molten ore bursts up among the rocks,
Winds into the stone's heart, outbranches bright
In hidden mines, spots barren, river beds,
Crumbles into fine sand where sunbeams bask—
Of young volcanoes come up, cyclops-like,
Staring together with their eyes aflame—"

I think, could I have seen all this, knowing toward what it led and what a wealth of life in plant and soul would spring therefrom, I should have felt as I do to-day, when I see labor's armies marshaling, feel the growing intensity of class loyalty and know the meaning and the potency of such intelligent, passionate solidity among the world's workers.

An elemental, cosmic force! Is anything in the universe so worshipworth? Here, if anywhere, is holy ground.

The enlarging unity of society is a fascinating motif in human evolution. The struggle for existence has been supplemented always by an ever widening mutual support in order to meet that struggle. The more severe the struggle, the more intense the unity of interest aroused in those whom the struggle challenged.

The story of the mother and child among mammals of all kinds and especially in the human race, as Fiske revealed it, and as Drummond beautifully elaborated it, gives us one thrilling chapter in the tale of nature's effort to force her creatures to grow out of helpless, ignoble isolation into a wider consciousness of mutual life.

Kropotkin's fairly tales of "Mutual Aid" are other versions of the same beautiful story.

The society of to-day would seem, on careless glance, to be anything but a fitting consummation [illegible] narrative with [illegible]. Mercenary greed, wars of conquest, enormous slaveries and [illegible] ring classes seem to follow ill after the centuries upon the devotion of tribal communism and clan loyalty.

Yet, in reality, there is no anti-climax. Nature has only accepted the challenge to larger accomplishment. It is as though she had early said when brotherly interest was well established in the clan or tribe, "I like this sample well, now let us make a world on the same plan."

It was no light task. The body of world unity must be gained before the breath of life could be breathed into its nostrils.

That body is almost ready. History shows how it came about. Slavery came and made possible the older civilizations, with their universal outreaching. The barbarian conquests, like a renewing flood, enriched the social soil, while it destroyed the society which slave exploitation had undermined.

Feudalism with its close ties and its tendency to grow into larger and larger federations, paved the way for national monarchy. The growth of early capitalism completed the victory of the monarchs and made possible and necessary national solidity.

Patriotism has been put to ignoble uses, but it has been a mighty factor in the march of mankind toward larger wholes. The strong national state has been the instrument which a growing commerce gave to itself in order to belt the world with its enterprise.

We all know well the part which the nineteenth century added—invention, manufacture, transportation and communication, made of all the world one industrial whole.

But that world unity is split in twain. Not two nations divide the people of earth, but two classes. The possessors of the means by which men live, the multitude who must use these means in order to live. A division surely deep and chasm-like. Not a division into only two groups, whereas before divisions have been many. A division in which one group is small and growing daily smaller, the other group, a multitude and growing ever larger. A division which is destined to end in the victory of the multitude. This victory is assured because the outgrown function of the capitalist must give place to the vital, necessary function of labor.

After victory the world unity will have arrived. Labor in every nation is one in its interests and its victory is the victory of all mankind.

Best of all—labor cannot win in this world-wide duel by any mechanical, accidental turn of events. It can only win as it knows itself a class with common interests, a common cause, common weapons, a common destiny. All the forces of economic development unite in teaching this lesson, so that it is bound to be learned rapidly, but there is no victory without this mighty consciousness of solidarity.

Thus it is that class-consciousness comes on a glorious culmination in the strengthening moral forces which first made humanity human and then knit each part into an ever wider selfhood.

"But," some one will protest, "is not social or race consciousness a far nobler thing? Ought not that be urged rather than this necessary [illegible]

When class consciousness has served its purpose, it will be in itself race consciousness, for the workers will be all mankind. In the meantime there need be no antagonism between the two sentiments for those whose conditions have afforded them the luxury of an all-inclusive human sympathy.

There ought to be, however, nothing in social consciousness which would despise or depreciate class consciousness. Few of us have faith in a man who believes so much in race unity that he ignores the claims of his own children upon him. The brotherhood of the world should not antagonize brotherhood of the flesh.

If there is a higher consciousness than class consciousness it is a greater that includes the less with no decrease in intensity. Just at present the world needs a knowledge of class lines, the class struggle, class interests, as the fulcrum upon which alone it can be moved. The necessity of this is grounded in the very woof and warp of economic fact and economic law. Of what will come when there are no classes we may delight to dream, but it is selfish indulgence when either our dreams or our "superior" sentiment keeps us from being to-day a comrade standing elbow to elbow in the ranks of the upon whom rests, as a class, the emancipation [illegible] all the race.

Then there is that other doctrine which tried the souls of most of us in the days of our amateur discipleship—The Materialistic Interpretation of History, or Economic Determinism. We were devoted to the law, "Ideals rule the world," and scorned to believe that material interests with their sordid struggles were the moving force in progress.

How different it seems to me now! I glory in the sense that *the big scheme of things to back of human movements.* I like to be in a world which moves by great laws, which clutch and hold by hunger pangs and by desire for a good that all can see.

Which means most to the world, the select few of culture and spiritual insight meeting to see how they may bring all the world to the brotherly unity they approve, or a vast hall full of men on a strike; bitter perhaps, passionately determined, but loyal to the heart's core?

The strike is not socialism. Its bitterness and passion is not "scientific," but a true socialist's heart swells in sympathy with the workers' instinctive struggle and pities the idealist who prays for the coming brotherhood, but is blind to the mighty forces by which Nature is remaking the world.

Ideals are all right, but ideals are only founded on bedrock when grounded on the laws actually at work in human nature and human society.

Ideals would be a frail dependence if their victory depended on the overthrow of human nature, but when human nature is seen to be making straight for the same goal by fiat of natural law, confidence is immeasurably increased, both in the worth of the ideals and the certainty of their realization.

When I remember how jealous I was lest some-

thing not ideal should bring in the new order and that the progress of the race in the past should have come by only the most respect-worthy agencies, I think, with Emerson, "Poor God, with no one to help him!"

There is a funny old rhyme which explains the pleasure I feel in the truth that the economic interests of society have been the foundation upon which rested the laws, customs and the moral standards of any period and brought about the change in them from era to era:

"Except the Lord shall build the house,
The building is in vain.
Except the Lord shall finish it,
'Twill tumble down again."

I like to feel that the universe is going my way and that when you get hold of the forces that are moving men and nations you catch the secret of the universe. A comradeship born of self-interest has been something worth while in all the world-moulding struggles of the race. I no longer despise it, but joy to be in the thick of the comrade army moving along lines marked out by the nature of things toward the sure victory of the approaching future.

Sentimental Individualism

BY REV. JAMES L. SMILEY, ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Boarding a railroad car, we entrust our safety, under Providence, to the train crew. We settle down into a comfortable seat, and, according to the inclination of the moment, read, converse, or look out upon the passing landscape.

Thus rushing through space without the least personal effort, we haven't the remotest feeling of surrendered individuality. Nor do we shed any sentimental tears over the stage drivers and liverymen whose occupations have long since been supplanted by steam or electricity.

The man who would insist upon walking ten or more miles, when a train is available, either in sentimental vindication of the old stage coach, or else to assert the individuality of his own powers of locomotion, would be considered a pitiable idiot. He would probably be hurried off to an asylum, there to pace the corridors and "ride his hobby" (his own pet legs) until cured of the craze of Individualism.

And yet there are thousands of sane citizens to-day who oppose Socialism upon precisely the same grounds as the steam car is opposed by our sentimental idiot.

"You will destroy individuality of effort," cry the anti-Socialists. "You will displace workers; you will disturb trade."

Let the Limited Express answer them: "My method of co-operation in travel does not destroy, but rather multiplies individual efficiency tenfold. It eliminates drudgery, transforms individual activity, and accomplishes results of which your forefathers scarcely dreamed."

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The Economics of Socialism

By Horace Mann, of Buffalo, Delivered at the Pittsburg Christian Socialist Fellowship Conference

Socialism proposes the abolition of wage slavery, or in other words, the abolition of the industrial exploitation of labor.

In the terminology of political economists, there are three ways through which this exploitation takes place, namely: *interest*, rent and profits.

Although I am to discuss the economics involved in the process of abolishing industrial exploitation, yet for the purpose of pointing out the fact that those whom Christians and Jews alike accept as law-givers and prophets, have recognized the injustice of these prevailing forms of legalized graft, I shall quote a passage of Scripture specifically directed against each of them:

I. As to Interest.

I quote from Nehemiah v. 7-12.

"I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I held a great assembly against them. . . . Also I said, The thing that ye do is not good. . . . I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants might exact of them money and grain. I pray you let us leave off this usury. Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive yards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money and of the grain, the wine and the oil that ye exact of them. Then said they, We will restore them and will require nothing of them; so will we do even as thou sayest."

II. As to Rent.

In Leviticus xxv. 23-28, we find this:

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, then shall his kinsman that is next unto him come, and shall redeem that which his brother hath sold. . . . But if he be not able to get it back for himself, then that which he hath sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee, and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession."

III. As to Profits.

Nothing could be a more scathing arraignment of riches secured through the fraudulent device of paying a man less than he earns (even though the man has agreed to accept such wages) than is found in that passage of the fifth chapter of the Epistle of James, which says:

"Go to now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire.

"Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped your fields which is of you kept back by fraud crieth out; and the cries of them that have reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth."

Interest, rent and profits, therefore, are all condemned in the Scriptures, and necessarily so, because they are all evidences of the existence of unjust economic conditions. How shall these unjust conditions be superseded by a just economic order? is the problem confronting the world to-day, and Socialism spells the answer in one word.

That one word, however, does not explain the details of what is necessary to be done. We will examine the question further.

In order to solve the problem of adjusting economic conditions to the requirements of justice, the first necessity is to find a measure of value, which can then be used as a basis for such adjustment. Let us first get a clear idea of the meaning of the concept, "measure."

In measuring distances the yard, rod and mile, with their subdivisions and multiples are commonly used, while for distances in space the distance from the earth to the sun is called the astronomical unit, and for still greater distances the "light year" is employed.

Similarly, for surfaces we have as measuring units the square yard, rod and chain, the acre and the square mile, and for solids the cubic inch, foot, yard, etc.

Again, in measuring grain, vegetables, etc., we use the bushel as the unit, while for liquids we use the gallon, and for time we have the day or the year.

These measuring units have come down to us from a remote past, but let us consider for a moment a measuring unit of a subtler kind of quantity—the attraction of gravitation.

Although the force of gravity always existed, nobody ever discovered its law or how to measure its attractive power until Sir Isaac Newton made the discovery. To-day we know that all bodies of matter attract each other directly as their masses and inversely as the square of the distances between them, and that the attractive power of the earth is such that a body falling at its surface during one second of time acquires a velocity of 32.2 feet per second, which is the measuring unit of the force of gravity.

In the same way, the substance of value has existed since pre-historic man first made his rude stone implements, but nobody discovered the measure of value until Karl Marx set it forth in "Das Kapital." Aristotle attempted to discover it, but gave up his quest in despair. Adam Smith almost discovered it in his "Wealth of Nations," but reached the conclusion that the value of anything was measured by the amount of labor which its possessor was enabled to secure, or impose upon another, rather than the amount of necessary labor embodied in it. The measure of value may be defined thus:

The value of an average hour's work is constant. The value of an average hour's work is the measuring unit for all values.

The adoption of this simple measuring unit in the world of industrial production and exchange will abolish graft and corruption and also poverty and crime from the face of the earth. The question before us is: How shall the transition from present conditions to a just condition be effected. In order to answer that question, let us first examine the economic basis of the three forms in which exploitation manifests itself.

I. Interest is defined as the amount paid by the borrower to the lender for the use of money. Hence, if you can eliminate the money-lender, you have abolished that means of exploitation. And the way to avoid the possibility of such exploitation is to inaugurate public control of money—the circulating medium. This can easily be done as soon as we elect an honest and intelligent national administration, by the enactment of a postal banking law which will supersede our graft financial legislation.

II. Rent is the amount paid by one person to another for the use of land. It is evident, therefore, that if a tax be put upon land equivalent to its rental, no exploitation of one individual by another through the ownership of land would be possible. Then vacant land would be free to the first man to take possession, and every man would have all the land he could use, consistent with the equal right of every other man. Co-operation and intensive farming could then develop, and cities and towns grow naturally from center to circumference.

III. Profit may be defined as the amount which an employe pays for the privilege of having a master. The way to abolish this form of exploitation, therefore, is for every man to become his own employer. In other words, the ownership of one man's job by another man, just as we have abolished the ownership of one man by another man. Then we shall have to introduce the measuring unit of value which we have already defined, into the process of exchanging commodities. Anyone then having rendered fifty or a hundred average hours of service will be able to secure in return the exact equivalent of that service in any of the products of industry which he desires. All of the producers of wealth will then be able to buy from the collectively owned markets, all that they have produced, and only a producer of wealth can possibly be a purchaser; hence all will be producers, and the Scripture will be fulfilled which says, "If any will not work neither shall he eat."

The question is sometimes asked: "What will you do under Socialism with the man who will not work?" I shall answer it Yankee fashion by asking, What do you think he will do? The condition of equal opportunity for all, and the impossibility of getting service without rendering service, will effectively overcome any inclination which a particular individual or group of individuals may have acquired from a parasitic past in the direction of aversion to work.

But we shall not only overcome aversion to work: we shall develop universal love of work, and the desire to do the best work possible, as a result of abolishing graft and establishing a condition in which honest industry is the sole basis of subsistence. It is "*toil without recompense*" that is drudgery. When every man works to provide for himself and those he loves, and when every man chooses his own occupation and is doing the thing he prefers to do, work will be a greater joy to men and women than play is to children, because of the consciousness of its usefulness to humanity.

It is not possible for me at this time to explain in detail what must be done in order to abolish interest, rent and profits as a means of exploitation. My message is this: Justice must supersede injustice before we can claim that we believe in the Sermon on the Mount.

Furthermore, Jesus of Nazereth commanded: "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Socialism means exactly that, and you cannot believe truly and as earnestly as you ought in the commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," without becoming enthused with the thought of seeking "to save that which is lost," even according to the prophecy, "If ye believe in Me the works that I do ye shall do also, and greater works than these shall ye do."

This greater work is to-day calling upon all who will, to come and labor to establish the reign of justice upon earth, that the prayer may be fulfilled, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven."

This prayer is not for something which cannot be realized, but depicts a condition of society which must be realized as soon as a majority desire not to exact tribute from their brothers. If you desire that righteousness instead of the "Mammon of unrighteousness" shall be the dominating aim in social, political and industrial organization, then let us get together for the realization of that ideal. "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." This expression, the kingdom of heaven, and the prayer for its realization

upon earth, unquestionably refers to an organization of society based upon justice and love instead of selfishness and exploitation. It is our privilege, if we will, to bring about this transformation.

Archbishop Falconio — The Papal Delegate and Socialism

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Some time ago in an interview in Chicago, the Archbishop is reported to have said that among the greatest evils in this country are:

First, "Wealth not properly used."

What is the proper use of wealth? The Socialist tells us that the accumulation of wealth is unjust, and its improper use inevitably follows. Wealth can be properly used *only* by those who are its rightful owners, those who contribute useful service in producing and distributing it.

Second, "Socialism and divorce, which the Catholic church is seeking to check and wipe out."

What is Socialism? It is the condition produced by the co-operative utilization of all of the resources of nature. God is its author. We read in Gen. 1:26, "And He said: Let us make man to our image and likeness, and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth." Thus, direct from the hand of God, we have collective ownership, which is the first half of the doctrine of Socialism. In the family, God established the principle of co-operation, which is the other half of the doctrine of Socialism. Universal ownership and universal co-operation embrace all there is in the philosophy of Socialism. Will the learned Archbishop kindly tell us what is wrong about them, and give us some good reasons for "seeking to check and wipe them out?"

Third, "And in doing so, it is working for the preservation of the country's institutions."

What *are* the country's institutions? The private or individual ownership of the INSTRUMENTS OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION, the means of employment, is the greatest of them, and as it is the one the Socialists are determined "to wipe out" and to replace with a better system, I will point out some of the reasons for their determination. The system enables an ever-decreasing number of avericious persons to monopolize the means of obtaining the necessaries of life. It enables John D. Rockefeller and a few associates to control the illuminating oil of the world, and to raise its price to twenty times its cost. It permits Harriman, Morgan, Hill and a few others to monopolize the means of transportation, which enables them to take from the producer on one side, and from the consumer on the other, all of the products of labor, except what is necessary to enable the toiler to *labor and live!* The system divides the human family into two antagonistic classes, arrogant rich, degraded poor, millionaires and paupers, masters and slaves. It has made universal a system of commercialism that holds out the alluring incentive of profit for every species of dishonesty and unfairness in financial transactions. It leads the unscrupulous into the most revolting occupations, into the keeping of what a noted temperance lecturer described as "the ante-chamber to hell," where adulterated and poisonous intoxicants are dealt out to the temporal and eternal ruin of its patrons. To the keeping of another ante-chamber, the den of the social evil, and to the traffic in unsuspecting girls to supply it with victims; men are discharged and women take their place at reduced wages; perfected machinery enables the child to take the woman's place, and child slavery is the result.

Fourth, "Socialism, which strikes at the order of society."

Yes, Socialism does strike at the present order of society, which is partly described above, and it will continue to do so, until the unjust, competitive or individualist system is removed, and in its place is established the humane and beneficent system of "UNIVERSAL CO-OPERATION."

Fifth, "At authority."

Yes, Socialism strikes at the usurped authority of capitalism, and appeals to the supreme authority of the people at the BALLOT BOX. It will continue that appeal until the people learn to cast their ballots for those who are in favor of collective ownership, the only system that will promote the welfare of all without exception.

Sixth, "At God and religion, and in its schemes purporting to aid the suffering, would wipe out the consideration of human nature, of God and the hereafter."

Socialism has no "schemes purporting to aid the suffering." It will have collective ownership which will give every human being equal and undivided ownership in all the means of employment, and every individual will naturally seek the position he is best qualified to fill, thereby gaining the benefit of the most productive employment. As Socialism is exclusively a material science that will solve the bread and butter problem, the system that will give all people the unrestricted opportunity to make their own living, it cannot possibly "strike at God, at religion, nor at the hereafter."

All material interests will be unified by the bond of common ownership, which will make it impossible for one person to gain any selfish advantage over another; therefore the selfish desire to reap the fruits of another's labor will die out, and the more profitable spirit of co-operation will take its place.

The best methods of production will be chosen, the best appliances will be used, and the most capable managers will be selected in the industries in which they are skilled. As self-preservation is the first law of human nature, instead of wiping it out, as the Archbishop says, Socialism is the only system that will take it into DUE consideration and give all an opportunity to make their living under co-operation. Our industrial facilities are composed of two approximately equal parts, manufacture and agriculture. It is estimated that by using first class material and workmanship, the value of articles would be doubled; that by proper cultivation on a large scale, land can be made to produce double what it does at present. It is believed, also, that the present system holds out of employment one-third of those who are able to contribute useful service. From the above estimates we may formulate the following statement:

By providing useful employment for all persons, our producing force will be increased by a gain of 50 per cent.

By doubling the value of manufactured and compounded articles and by doubling the product of the farm, we have a gain of 100 per cent.

According to these estimates, it is possible to add to our productivity ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PER CENT.

I invite those who now ARE and those who wish to be millionaires to a calm and thorough study of the above estimates, and is it not possible that they may conclude that their welfare would be promoted by the inauguration of Socialism? It would enable them to provide themselves easily, with everything necessary to make them comfortable, and would relieve them entirely of the extraordinary effort and anxiety that is inseparable from the gaining and retaining of wealth.

Some people believe that Socialism will enable the indolent to take by force the product of the industrious and the wealth of the rich and divide it among themselves. This is not true. The purpose of Socialism is to unite the whole human family into one co-operative organization in which every individual will naturally be willing and will be required to take the place his abilities qualify him to fill, thereby so completely utilizing the bountiful resources of nature that every legitimate desire will be abundantly gratified. All special privileges will lose their value, all class distinctions will lose their motives, all compulsory servitude will lose its power, and the human family will cast aside the selfish antagonisms of individualism, enjoy the bounties of co-operative industry and under the banner of universal brotherhood—no rich, no poor, no master, no slave—in triumph will enter that haven of peace and plenty, "*the co-operative commonwealth.*"

The millionaire, with all the power and influence that his mine of gold may supply, and all the cunning he may command, can never achieve the happy condition that mutual co-operation promotes, nor can he escape the degrading influence, the widespread poverty, the wicked wars, the oppressions and frauds of the cut-throat system that makes the accumulation of his excessive wealth possible. Then how long will he continue to adhere to that system?

The Chart of the Christian

Some people think because things have continued as they are for thousands of years they always will continue so. But they will not. There is going to be a sharp, quick turn, in the affairs of men. Things are suddenly going to come to a halt. Few people realize this, but that does not keep it from being true.

In the days of the flood few people realized the flood was coming. Noah and his family were the only ones who were saved. The Scriptures clearly teach that as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the time of the end of our present dispensation (Matthew 24:37-39). Fire is used in the Scripture to describe destruction. Nothing can live in fire, so these days of the Lord's vengeance (Isaiah 63:4 and 34:8) are described as burning as an oven, etc. (Malachi 4:1).

In reviewing recent publications of the Roman Catholic Church we find great fear is expressed for its welfare by their own clergy. The anarchist invasion of Italy is considered as an "obsit omen." Perhaps it is. Yet it can be no worse than the combination of capital and church systems in America, against the poor and laboring element. Combinations of this kind spell a "hot time" wherever they exist. Italy may have her taste first, but America surely will follow. It matters little where the row begins—wherever organized labor and organized capital exists there a clash will occur. These are facts. Simply because we love our fellow men, our God and our Savior, is no reason why we should shut our eyes to existing conditions. It behooves us all the more that we should watch and pray that this day should not overtake us unawares.

"In the time of the end the wise shall understand." Dan. 12:9, 10, 4.

"The Lord will do nothing, but He revealest His secrets unto His servants, the prophets." Amos 3:7.

"The Spirit of Truth will show you all things." John 16:13.

Our love for all mankind and our desire to maintain a conscience void of offense (Acts 24:16) may keep us from taking any active part in a struggle. It may also lead us to endure persecution, privation and extreme physical and mental suffering for the loving principles taught by Jesus Christ which we believe we should maintain.

In no case, however, are we called upon to shut our eyes to fact or our ears to reason. (2 Tim. 1:7.) Are we not told to test, to prove all things (2 Tim. 2:15; Thess. 5:21). Why has the Good Book lived so many thousands of years, if not for our twentieth century instruction? (2 Tim. 3:16-17.) Why has it outlived every other publication, if not to lead us in the way of truth? (John 16:13.) Why has it attained a present day circulation of millions of copies in excess of anything ever published, if not to set free the captive (Isaiah 29:22-24), the downtrodden, the oppressed, and teach him the way of the Most High for attaining his liberty?

"The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation (outward show)." Luke 17:20-21.

"Thou sawest till that a stone (power) was cut out of the mountain (government) without hands (by divine power)." Daniel 2:44.

"A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return." Luke 19:11-15.

Simply because the nominal churches—Catholic and Protestant—have perverted the truth by man-made creeds to suit their own purpose does not make the truth less true. It is not what their creeds teach, it is what the word of God says, that counts. Have we not a brain, senses of feeling, of reason, of judgment? Are we not men? Are we not living in an age more enlightened than the one enjoyed by those who made the creeds? Have we not more original manuscripts from which to judge than they? Why should a man walking in the light of the twentieth century, accept a product of the dark ages for a creed?

It behooves us, dear friends, to get back to the Bible (John 5:39). In it we find the chart leading us in the path of eternal life. It has out-lived the creed and science of men. Until the evolutionist has shown himself able to create life let us still abide by the Book of Life. What difference does it make to us whether God chose to create the world in seven literal days or in seven days of a thousand years each (2 Peter 3:8), or seven epochs of seven thousand years each, it is for us, you and me, to keep our slate clean and live honorably before all men (Romans 12:17-18 and 13:13; 1 Thess. 4:10-12).

Let us therefore study the scriptures concerning His teachings. And as we approach the coming conflict which is to establish a reign of peace and righteousness, let it find us engaged in the work of blessing, not cursing, of helping, not hindering, of encouraging, not discouraging those with whom we are brought in contact in our daily lives, irrespective of their class or station.

—Spencer Winthrop.

Difference Only Apparent

Warren, Ohio, June 17, 1910.

Rev. E. E. Carr, Editor Christian Socialist:

Dear Comrade—I was surprised and somewhat perplexed to find in the current issue of the Christian Socialist an article entitled "Straight Socialism" by one Reginald Fenton, published without comment or any indication of disapproval on the part of the editor. The last paragraph thereof reads as follows:

"The only propaganda that is specifically and scientifically socialistic is that which is directed toward the abolition of the 'Institution of Private Property,' as Taft very properly calls it."

I contend that this statement is untrue. Propaganda that is directed toward the abolition of the institution of private property is straight communism, and Socialists are not engaged in teaching such doctrine.

I have heard you, Comrade Carr, in a public meeting make the statement that under the Socialistic regime there will be ten times as much private property for the working man as there is to-day. I believe you were correct. Has Reginald Fenton been correctly quoted? If so, he should be advised to learn his lesson more thoroughly before beginning to teach. As an offset to this criticism of the paragraph in question, permit me to say that I cordially approve and indorse the statements in the first paragraph of the same article, viz.:

"It is of logic that nothing truly Socialistic can be established so long as the capitalistic principle remains dominant. The 'reformers' are utterly illogical."

So closely are the true and the false conjoined.

Yours for straight Socialism,

Edward S. Smith.

Comrade Fenton's MEANING is correct, though evidently misunderstood by Comrade Smith, whose understanding of the Socialist doctrine of private property is correct.

"The Institution of Private Property," which President Taft defends, viz., PRIVATE PROPERTY IN PUBLIC UTILITIES, IN THE MEANS OF LIFE, must be abolished as Comrade Fenton says; but PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE PRODUCT OF ONE'S OWN LABOR (or its equivalent) will be forever established under Socialism, as Comrade Smith argues. Yes, all people will have private property under Socialism, whereas few have it now.

Sing the Victory

"Strike at the Ballot" and "Forward, the Life Brigade" are two of the excellent new songs in the Fifth Edition of Meyer's Songs of Socialism. These two songs were formerly arranged for special quartettes; they are now harmonized for congregational singing. You will like them. There are 128 pages of selected songs—both words and music—in the book and every comrade should have one. Your branch should have many. THE MOVEMENT NEEDS SINGING. Start it going in your corner. Paper cover, 15c; eight for $1. In beautiful crimson cloth cover, 25c; five for $1; twelve for $2.25.

Rev. Wm. A. Prosser, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at McKees Rocks, Pa., has written a plain, brief, yet comprehensive article on The Teachings of Socialism (size of four pages of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST) which may be obtained of us at the rate of 50 copies for 45c; 100 copies, 75c; 1,000 copies, $6. It is great—one of the best Socialist leaflets ever printed.

What Socialism Means

I.—COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP of the Means of Producing and Distributing Wealth, such as Lands, Mines, Factories, Railroads, Mail, Express, Telegraph and Telephone Service, Light, Water and Heat Plants, Stores, etc., so that Private Monopoly, Graft and Extortion will be Impossible, and Rent, Interest and Profit will be Abolished, and All May Have the Full Product of Their Labor.

II.—PRIVATE OWNERSHIP of Wealth, such as a Home, Vehicles, Furniture, Books, Pictures, etc., according to the Value of One's Labor.

Socialism Means the Public Ownership of Capital, the Private Ownership of Wealth; the Public Ownership of Opportunity, the Private Ownership of the Products of One's Labor; the Public Ownership of the Means of Life, the Private Ownership of Life Itself.

III.—DIRECT LEGISLATION Through the Initiative, Referendum and Imperative Recall, so that the People Themselves May Rule Promptly as They Please in Spite of Councils, Legislatures, Congresses or Courts.

IV.—A NEW SYSTEM OF MONEY Issued by the Government Alone and Limited so that It Will be a True Medium of Exchange Only, Not a Medium of Exploitation as Now.

Why Socialists Attack the Church

Comrade F. C. Yentsch of Mt. Vernon, Mo., thinks that some Socialists are hostile to the Church because ministers sometimes say false and foolish things against Socialism and Socialists. He tells of a minister who there once publicly said: "Every Anarchist and Socialist should be deported to a lonely island with gatling guns surrounding it to shoot every mother's son who tried to escape."

Of course this minister's remark was born of absolute ignorance and sinful bigotry. Any man who confuses Socialism with Anarchy does not know enough about the subject to talk of it intelligently.

But the chances are that if so many *unscientific* Socialists had not railed so bitterly against religion, the church and the home, there would have been very few preachers accusing Socialism of anarchy, atheism, free love, etc. Their folly gives point to the weapons of our opposers.

It is very significant, however, that, after the bitter remark against the Socialists the minister referred to above had no success in the revival meeting he attempted, because the public mind was against him, seeing that the Socialists of Mt. Vernon are respectable citizens.

The time is coming rapidly when the preacher who opposes Socialism, except in a few aristocratic churches, will have to preach to a decreasing audience. If the Church fights against the will of God as expressed in a world-wide movement for justice and brotherhood, she must suffer great loss and general contempt. "If the salt has lost it savour, it is fit for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men."

Christianity must stand or fall with Socialism, which means the practical brotherhood of man.

The Disciples and Socialism

BY JOHN FAIRCHILD, PARIS, ILL.

I have been a member of the Christian Church (or as the membership was originally known, "the Disciples of Christ") for nearly fifty years. Though most of my relations and friends were members of other denominations, the plea of the Disciples appealed to me very forcibly. "In essentials unity, in all else perfect liberty; taking the New Testament as a guide for action; unity, fellowship, brotherly love."

Is not this socialistic?

Separated as we claim from all dogmas, what shall hinder us from enlisting in the Socialist ranks, without making any sacrifice of principle?

The Encyclopedia Britannica says that "The Ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of practical Christianity." What is Christianity without its ethics, and what else is binding upon Christians? We do not mean that dogmas are necessarily sinful, only that they hinder the union of Christians which Socialism fosters.

It may be objected that there are Jews, agnostics, and even atheists claiming to be Socialists. If these persons sincerely carry out the ethics of Christianity, may we not leave them in the hands of God to deal with according to His pleasure? Their faith may be weak, but their hearts may be all right, as those in the parable of the final judgment on the right hand of the Lord to whom He shall say: "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was an hungered and ye gave Me meat, etc." "Then shall the righteous answer: 'When saw we Thee an hungered and gave Thee meat, etc.?'" "And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me.'"

Thus He required no formal confession of faith. They followed only their own impulse to do good. They were a law unto themselves. They knew not even that the Christ was a recipient of their goodness. May it not be that even those agnostics will be blessed? At all events if they are doing good let us not forbid them because they follow not us in all things.

Paul says: "The love of money (or profits) is the root of all evil." Socialists propose to eliminate profits by the co-operative system. Jesus says: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Socialism proposes to reduce that love to practice by making ample provision for the helpless without the disgrace of pauperism, not only by suitable pensions, etc., but by staying the hands of the exploiters.

These and many other facts lead us to ask, not Can a Christian be a Socialist, *but can one be a consistent Christian without being a Socialist?*

By Whom?

The Lutheran Church justly prides itself on being the champion and standard bearer of free thought and unhampered, conscientious application of acquired convictions, based on divine truth.

When Luther appeared on the stage the Romish Church, by its trust organization, claimed a monopoly on salvation and heaven. The common people groaned and starved in want of light and truth and a free, liberated conscience, while the priesthood gloated in arrogance, debauchery and luxury. The people existed for the clerics and the church, and the only infallible religious system. A fictitious salvation was bartered. Piecemeal living grace could be purchased from God's appointed custodians. A system fourteen hundred years old, biblical in authority and interpretation, must be infallible and correct. If any further development was deemed necessary God's custodians alone knew and in due season would bring it about.

But our indomitable Luther questioned the source of authority and attacked the whole system, because it was tyrannical, unjust, arbitrarily selfish, filling the coffers of the clerics from the blood, bone and marrow of the people, without giving equivalent return value. *Luther was hounded as a religious anarchist.* His teachings and doctrine would anull authority, wreck the family and ruin church and state.

When a few peasant followers (rabid Lutherans) assisted in the reformation by smashing church furniture, paintings and sculpture, it was heralded far and wide: "There, there you have a true sample of Lutheranism. O, Lord God, we are Thy appointed custodians to mankind, let the devil and hell fire gobble up Luther and his deluded followers who will not obey us and eat from our hands."

Now, my Christian reader, in fairness and justice, who will venture to point to those warring and indignant peasants as a true and full type of the Lutheran spirit and doctrine? Could the whole embodiment of Lutheranism be drawn from their indignant acts?

We demand in all candidness and justice that you judge not Socialism by a few far-fetched acts of some of its ill-advised or justly indignant adherents, but that you judge Socialism in spirit and in truth. We have a right to demand this of our unbiased Lutheran ministry and of all lovers of truth and justice. Would you expect to get the correct definition and explanation of Lutheranism and its blessings to humanity from Rome? How can you expect to get the correct definition and explanation of Socialism from the subsidized capitalist and ignorant or fearfully biased church press?

Our present economical, industrial and social system is a stifling nerve, soul and body racking system. We are drifting farther and farther away from equality, justice, honesty and truth.

Some time ago I talked Socialism with the chief editor of a church weekly, having at least 25,000 readers. The paper devoted large space full of ignorance and bias against Socialism. During our conversation the editor said: "I thank God that I can call the coat on my back mine!" His annual income from various sources exceeded $4,000. No wonder he was fighting Socialism, when his idea was that it would rob him of his coat or make it common stock. At the same time many of his faithful brethren in the ministry found it very difficult on an annual salary of $600 to provide themselves and theirs with coats, fuel, food and necessaries.

The divinely self-appointed custodian, E. Harriman, gobbled up $300,000,000 in a few years. The coal barons lock up or distribute coal at will. Rockefeller oil, Morgan and Aldrich money, Armour meat, Patton wheat and cotton, Carnegie and Frick steel and iron, Hein and Weyerhauser lumber, the landlords land and water, the captains of industry implements and merchandise, Marshall Field taxes, etc., etc., all God's appointed custodians with their cardinal college at Washington (the Senate).

How many paupers have they created, how many homes have they wrecked, how many suicides have they caused?

Socialism cannot and will not O. K. such a system. Can and will you as a free Lutheran do it?

Our present system is selfish, despotic.

It can and must be changed to serve more equitable the welfare of each and all!

By whom shall the nation be owned and ruled? By the producing many or the exploiting few, by the people themselves or by the money lords?—(Rev.) C. A. Rosander.

The Catholic Church most earnestly desires that the citizenship produced under her influence may be the highest in this country.

Her face is firmly set against the man who shamelessly sells his vote.

Her face is resolutely set against the man who shamelessly buys a vote.

Her face is scornfully set against the employer who shamelessly attempts to force his workingmen to vote as suits his prejudice.

Her face is set against the grafter, the demagogue, the unclean, the unwise and the unworthy among politicians who seek power by deluding the people.

She wants justice to obtain upon earth, and she wants her children to vote honestly for men who will unselfishly work for justice. She is ashamed of the Catholic who sells his vote; she is ashamed of the Catholic who buys the votes of others.—The New World.

These are brave words, and though they express only an editorial opinion and have no ecclesiastical authority, their educational value is great, especially as they were published just before the election. Under Socialism there will be absolutely no incentive to buy or sell a vote.

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When you buy books, order of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST. Every book you buy of us or through us helps the paper a little. Please do not forget this important point.

One enthusiastic Socialist minister declares that the last number of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST, June 15, containing the profound, scholarly and inspiring article on "The Philosophy of Collectivism," by Rev. Charles H. Mann, and the striking sermon by Rev. A. B. Francisco, is the best paper we ever issued. It is one of the best. Its matter is very high class in every true sense of the word. And you may still have bundles of that number at the usual rate.

If this issue of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST does not seem quite so homogeneous as usual, if it suggests a dish of hash, masticate it thoroughly and fear not indigestion; for it is not as the unknown ingredients and quality of the proverbial boarding house hash, but is homemade, of excellent material, easily assimilated, strengthening and healthful.

Owing to the fact that the Chicago Newspaper Union, the printers of our paper, with which we have had very pleasant relations during the last three years, has sold its business to the Western Newspaper Union, we have to move. Therefore it is necessary to print in this issue a number of good things which were previously in type and crowded out of former issues by other matter which could not wait. Hence the somewhat heterogeneous contents of this issue. Yet all these varying items, articles and viewpoints gather harmoniously around the one inspiring, vital theme of Socialism.

Mrs. Maynard's electrifying article was printed especially for this issue.

The next number of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST will appear in a new dress.

"Died of Neglect"

If a father and mother should go away from home upon a vacation, leaving a child locked up in an isolated house to starve to death, it would be small consolation to them and a poor reparation to their damaged reputations to offer the insufficient because preposterous and unjustifiable excuse, "We forgot."

"Died of Neglect"—what dreadful, accusing words to place upon a gravestone!

We have often wondered what strange lethargic disease afflicts some of the readers of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST who could help financially if they would. They seem to have forgotten entirely the fearful struggle required to establish a Socialist paper. They are in danger of allowing this paper to die of neglect while they merely WISH it to live and grow.

If the average church or lodge or club was neglected financially by its adherents as the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST is by its average admirer, it would soon perish of want, as this paper may unless its friends wake up.

Some people seem to think that there is capital back of this paper—a great mistake. Some appear to imagine that men of means are regularly sending considerable sums of money—not so. For a while one comrade did pay about $100 per month, which was a great help; but that has long since ceased. From time to time comrades have sent from a few cents to $25.00 to help, but these have not been regular, except in a few instances, for a short time, and the paper has never at any time received help enough to enable it to do its work properly. It has been supported thus far chiefly by unpaid labor on the part of editors, writers and club getters.

And we insist that this paper is at least as worthy of financial support as a church, a lodge or a club; that there are thousands of our readers who ought to pay a regular monthly stipend for the support of this paper; that there are hundreds who ought to give a considerable amount each month, and that there are some who ought to give hundreds and a few who ought to give thousands of dollars to endow this paper and establish it beyond fear of failure and beyond crippling, weakening want.

We need money for a business manager, an associate editor, for paying specialists to write great articles, etc., etc.

Brother, sister, comrade, get this matter on your heart. Do not waste your money on trifles when you can use it for such a sublime and far-reaching work as this paper is doing.

Do not let this paper die of neglect. It will have a very hard time this summer, if you fail to do your part.

Meanwhile let those who are willing to work remember that the most important thing of all, both for the support of this paper and for its usefulness is to get subscribers.

Do not fail to send in a club during the first part of July. Get busy now, for the life of this paper depends upon your loyalty.

The most important work, therefore, both for the paper's own financial life and for its greatest usefulness as a propagandist for Socialism is to increase its subscription list. TO MAKE THE WEEKLY CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST A GENUINE SUCCESS, THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST SHOULD BE DOUBLED AT ONCE. This would add both strength and power, and we can do it with but very little effort.

The surest and simplest plan to put the Weekly on an assured financial basis is to carry out the suggestion of Comrade W. G. Sprague, with this additional feature:

"1. LET EVERY SUBSCRIBER TO THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST IMMEDIATELY RENEW HIS SUBSCRIPTION FOR THIS YEAR AND THE NEXT, THE FIRST YEAR OF THE WEEKLY, BY SENDING IN $1.25.

2. LET EVERY SUBSCRIBER TO THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST SECURE AT LEAST ONE NEW SUBSCRIBER to the paper at this same rate, either by solicitation, or by paying for a subscription for his neighbor, friend, or pastor, or any one else.

THIS PLAN IS SIMPLE, POSSIBLE, AND PRACTICABLE, and would put into the treasury, immediately, over $25,000 for THE GREATEST MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD for the establishment of God's Kingdom in our day. Is there one real Christian and Socialist who is not willing to do this much to hasten the day when all injustice, wrong, oppression, and crime due to the present immoral social system shall be wiped out through Christian Socialism? WE CAN DO IT. Will we show our zeal for real Christianity by carrying out this simple task and DO IT NOW?

Three Kinds of Heroes Wanted

There are just three kinds of heroic comrades needed to make the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST a grander success. First, those who will work bravely and faithfully to get subs—they are the ones needed most—their work is absolutely fundamental. Second, those who will give money regularly to enable us to put out a paper that will encourage the workers to get more subs and so give the paper a larger audience. Third, those who will send their best Socialist literary work to the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST to help make it the best paper in the land.

We are compelled to refuse many articles and poems for lack of room. We must print only the best available. BUT WE NEVER REFUSE SUBS OR DONATIONS. There is always room for them! Come on!

"One thing I know: that the spirit of Christ is in Socialism; that the church, even if it has preserved one essential part of the heritage of Christianity, can by no means maintain that it has been a faithful guardian of another part of the original deposit—the part consisting of social principles, nor can it successfully argue that this part of Christ's legacy to the world was worthless and might be neglected with impunity."—F. de Pressensé, Member of French Parliament.

"I am not much of a mathematician," said a cigarette, "but I can add to a man's nervous troubles; I can subtract from his physical energy; I can multiply his aches and pains; and I can divide his mental powers; I can take interest from his work; and discount his chances of success."—Ex.

Father Would Help

Twenty years ago a discouraged young doctor in one of our large cities was visited by his father, who came up from a rural district to look after his boy.

"Well, my son," said he, "how are you getting along?"

"I'm not getting along at all," was the disheartened answer. "I'm not doing a thing."

The old man's countenance fell, but he spoke of courage and patience and perseverance. Later in the day he went with his son to the "Free Dispensary," where the young doctor had an unsalaried position, and where he spent an hour or more every day.

The father sat by, a silent but intensely interested spectator, while twenty-five poor unfortunates received help. The doctor forgot his visitor while he bent his skilled energies to his task; but hardly had he closed the door on the last patient when the old man burst forth:

"I thought you told me you were not doing a thing! Why, if I had helped twenty-five people in a month as much as you have done in one morning I would thank God that my life counted for something."

"There isn't any money in it, though," explained the son, somewhat abashed.

"Money!" the old man shouted, still scornfully. "Money! What is money in comparison with being of use to your fellow men? Never mind about your money; go right along at this work every day. I'll go back to the farm and gladly earn money to support you as long as you live—yes, and sleep sound every night with the thought that I have helped you to help your fellow men."—*The New World.*

Notice

For small checks on all banks east of the Mississippi river we have to pay ten cents exchange, except checks on banks at Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.

Checks on banks in the west have to pay from ten to twenty cents extra. *Twenty cents exchange on a fifty-cent check is 40 per cent.* We have been pulled to that extent, and often we have to pay twenty cents on $1 and $2 checks.

It is impossible to continue this. There is no margin of profit to pay exchange on these checks. The CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST could not run at its present price if it were not for the constant donations received.

NEVER SEND CHECKS UNLESS YOU INCLUDE THE EXTRA AMOUNT FOR EXCHANGE. And never send drafts on small banks. We have to pay exchange on most of the drafts received. Drafts on Chicago or New York alone are acceptable.

SEND POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS. They are good for their face value anywhere. A greenback is usually safe in a letter with two stiff sheets of paper for thickness, although we cannot be responsible until it reaches us. Do not send more than 50 cents in stamps. We cannot pay bills with stamps.

The Whisky Without a Headache

In advertising a certain brand of liquor, the dealers, in summing up its alleged good qualities, say it's "the whisky without a headache."

What would you think of a butcher who advertised "the meat without a headache?" or the baker who would paint a sign on his delivery wagon that he sold "the bread without a headache?" Do you know of anybody selling anything except liquor that is advertised not to give you a headache?

It is now up to some dealer who advertises liquor that will not blotch the skin, redden the nose, muddle the brain and deplete the pocketbook. Up to date no brand of liquor has been manufactured which can be guaranteed not to make a man a brute and cause him to abuse his wife, neglect his children, commit crime, deaden conscience and blight intellect.

What a commentary on the whole miserable business is the advertisement, "The whisky without a headache." We do not know if there is made a "whisky without a headache," but it is certain that no liquor is manufactured which does not contain heartaches and humiliation and despair and pinching poverty and blasted hopes and ruined lives.

Is it any wonder the American people are up in arms against the liquor traffic? The only wonder is they permit it to continue for a single day.—*American Issue.*

The Mills of Mammon

J. H. Brower's thrilling novel, "The Mills of Mammon," so interesting, so sad, so terrible, may be obtained of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST for $1.10. It is a regular $1.50 book. You may have "The Mills of Mammon" and a 50-cent CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST sub both for $1.40, or "The Mills of Mammon" as a premium with six 50-cent CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST subs. Get busy.

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General Executive Committee of Twenty-five Members

General Secretary's Address

The General Secretary has closed his six months' tour of the East and South and is now in St. Louis. It was necessary for him to give up the old quarters there and a new location must be found. For the present he may be addressed at 212 South Fourth street, St. Louis, Mo.

Boston to Be Reorganized

Owing to unfortunate circumstances there, the Boston Center became demoralized. The General Secretary recently visited Boston and has found the material to form a more active organization. There are many people there who are interested in Christian Socialism, many of the churches are open to the message and there are great possibilities there for the movement. In the fall the Center will be reorganized and begin an aggressive work.

A number of the Fellowship lecturers have been "preaching the good news" lately, as they have been able to spare the time. M. A. Smith, District Secretary in Texas, recently addressed an audience of 1,500 people on Christian Socialism. He has spoken frequently on the subject. Parties in Texas wanting lectures should address M. A. Smith, Commerce, Texas.

A. C. Alexander, District Secretary, Alberta, Canada, has been preaching Christian Socialism in the province of Alberta.

Solon T. Klotz, lecturer, Toledo, Ohio, has delivered a number of lectures in churches in and around Toledo. Comrade Klotz reports that he finds great interest in the subject.

William A. Prosser, McKees Rocks, Pa., though a very busy man, does more or less lecturing for the Fellowship every month and has given many lectures in Pittsburg and vicinity. The true Christian Socialist will TAKE some time for this work, knowing that it is the most important movement of the day. Other things should be set aside for it. Do not let this cause be sacrificed for other and less important things. Some people are "so busy" that if Jesus should come to them He would find "no room" in their lives for Him.

A new Center will be formed at Nickerson, Kan. Comrade J. C. McGregor was the first member of the Fellowship in Nickerson. He was the right kind. He began interesting others and the result is an application to form a Center signed by Comrade McGregor, T. J. Neighbors, J. H. Lanver and Rev. J. W. Beer.

Rev. Walter Krusen, District Secretary

Comrade Walter Krusen will become the District Secretary for Philadelphia and vicinity. Comrade Krusen has already done some lecture work and rendered other valuable services to the cause, and will doubtless extend the Fellowship work in that section. Comrade Krusen is associate pastor of the Fairhill Baptist Church, where the Fellowship has held some great meetings. Parties in the vicinity of Philadelphia desiring lectures or other assistance in the line of our work may address Rev. Walter Krusen, 429 West Dauphin street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Model Center

The Secretary has received a brief statement of the work of the Philadelphia Center last year which shows what can be done where there is a will to do. Meetings of the Center were held regularly in the Church of the Advent. Besides these, twenty-one public meetings were held in churches and halls. Fourteen of these were addressed by the General Secretary, two by Rev. E. M. Frank, two by Rev. Walter Krusen, and one each by Rev. Preston McHenry, Rev. G. W. Babcock and Mr. Patterson Dubois.

Twenty-one new members were received during the year. A great quantity of literature was distributed. A wide interest has been created among the churches in Philadelphia, and there are now many openings for work. Since the beginning of the present year the Center has been very active and has already done as much as it did last year. This is an example. Many Centers might do the same. Of course it takes some money, and some time and effort. It calls for workers and this is what we want all over the country. There are plenty of people who believe in this cause, but not so many who are willing to help in the work and to put some money into it. What has been done in Philadelphia, Chicago and Providence can be done in every city if there are a few earnest Christian Socialists who are willing to WORK and CONTRIBUTE. In these cities the comrades went about the work SYSTEMATICALLY and THOROUGHLY and PUT UP THE MONEY to make it possible. Comrades, lay your plans during the summer and go about it this way in your city this fall and winter, and you will see great results. The harvest is white. We must have workers, not shirkers.

St. Louis Center Banquet

The St. Louis Center is preparing to give the General Secretary a hearty welcome on his return after a long absence. A banquet will be given in his honor. The material comforts, good speeches and sweet comradeship will make it a delightful occasion.

Christian Socialist Fellowship Financial Statement May, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Cash, May 1, in Secretary's hands		$ 42	
Cash, May 1, in Treasurer's hands		1.00	
Dues, at large $10.45			
Dues, Centers 4.80	$ 15.25		
Subs, CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST	6.50		
Literature	4.70		
Contributions	6.30		
Lecture engagements, Gen. Sec.	139.34		
Received by Gen. Treas	18.49	190.49	
		$191.91	$191.41

EXPENDITURES.

Postage, M. O.'s	$ 4.23		
Literature	5.60		
Sub cards, CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST	5.00		
Typewriter payment	5.00		
Sundries	1.25		
Traveling exp., Gen. Sec.	68.25		
Salary, Gen. Sec.	100.00	$189.60	
Balance in Secretary's office.		1.31	
Balance in Treasurer's office		1.00	
		$191.91	$191.91

Balance due Secretary on salary.....$ 71.00

Wm. A. Ward, General Secretary.
Harvey P. Moyer, General Treasurer.

At Greenfield, Mass.

Comrade Rev. William A. Ward gave five addresses in Greenfield, Mass., June 5-6-7. These were very helpful and inspiring. He preached Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church to a good audience, nearly all non-Socialists, on "The Coming Kingdom." Although the message was new to the people, the general feeling was well expressed by a prominent young man in the church who said: "I enjoyed every word." In the evening Comrade Ward gave a powerful address in the same church on "The Rich Man and the Beggar," and on Monday afternoon he addressed all the Protestant pastors of the town, greatly to their enjoyment and profit. On Monday evening he lectured in the First Baptist Church, and on Tuesday evening in a hall.

The feeling of the members of the Socialist local was voiced by one who said that it paid by the good it did us personally; but we believe we have made a number of new Socialists, and these are in the churches, where they are sorely needed.—E. K. Sheldon.

Application Blank.

Read the following articles of the Constitution:

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

Realizing that the social message of Jesus applied in an age of machine production means Socialism, we declare the object of our Fellowship to be:

To proclaim Socialism to Churches and other religious organizations; to show the necessity of Socialism to the complete triumph of Christianity; to end the class struggle by establishing industrial and political democracy, and to hasten the reign of justice and brotherhood—the Kingdom of God on earth.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. Its members shall be active and associate.

Sec. 2. Its active members shall consist of those who are both Christians and Socialists, who shall agree to the objects as stated in Article II, be duly elected, be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws and pay dues (15 cents per month).*

Sec. 3. Its associate members shall be those who are in sympathy with the purposes of the Fellowship and shall be duly elected. They shall have the privilege of a voice, but no vote.

Agreeing with the objects of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, I hereby apply for..... membership. (active or associate)

Name .. ..

Address .....

Occupation .. ..

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

BY GEORGE H. STROBELL,
8 Lincoln Park, Newark, N. J.

"Any man with organizing ability and the time can turn New York into a Socialist city in five years," Alderman Victor L. Berger is quoted as saying in an interview to-day by the Sentinel. Alderman Berger has just arrived home after his trip east. "All he would have to do would be to crystallize the sentiment that is latent there. Anyone could do it."

"Everyone was anxious to know something regarding the Socialist movement. So I say that any intelligent man who has any organizing ability can turn New York into a Socialist city within five years."

These words of Comrade Berger are perfectly in accord with my views and experience. Any of our big cities can be carried. The only thing we need add to our methods are the systematic distribution of tracts on topics that the people are interested in, giving at the same time the Socialist philosophy. This should be done once every two weeks all through the year, with weekly distribution just before election time. A great big issue should be dug up every campaign, which is not hard with the prevailing misrule of capitalism. One idea of the Socialist agitator is happily dying, and it deserved to die; that is, that we should go easy until the people are desperate with their wrongs. They will come to us then. Well, if they do, they will leave us as quickly. We want the people educated. We want them to know what Socialism is. So when we get their support it's ours forever. An ordinary tract founded on some familiar home issue, with the whole Socialist position clearly stated therein, is worth a dozen issues of a daily, weekly or monthly paper. When our comrades learn this, victory will be short in coming. The city that tries this method will be next.

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"If there be virtue, think on these things." That was the title of a baccalaureate sermon delivered by the Rev. Elmer I. Goshen, in which he strongly advocated Socialism. It was preached to a class of graduates of the University of Utah, 160 in number. He told every graduate to go out of school with the determination to vote against any political party which advocates the privilege of the few against the great majority. Capital is in the hands of the few, he said, a condition which is all wrong. He declared also that a unique period in the world's history was about to dawn in a great struggle which would break out between the masses and the privileged classes.

The speaker, together with Bishop Spalding of Utah addressed an open air meeting at Liberty park on Socialism. The graduation exercises and the park meeting were attended by large crowds.

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The International Socialist News Service is a new institution that is likely to play an important part in the news gathering field in the near future. The association was started in Europe, as a result of the development of a labor press. New York has been selected as the center from which to develop the chain of news offices in this country, which will exchange news on the plan of the Associated Press. Labor papers and labor organizations are sought by the New York office to join the chain of news offices. Each union is urged to appoint a man to take care of his locality. Newspaper men are impressed into the service wherever practical. Alexander Schlesinger is in charge of the New York office, which is located at 444 Timpson place, New York, N. Y. All communications regarding the service are received by him.

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There are places where the Socialists greatly outnumber their opponents. Saxony, Germany, for instance, where there are 341,396 Socialist voters and but 290,819 all told in a scattered opposition of four parties. Yet the unjust discrimination of the electoral laws give our comrades only twenty-five delegates in the Diet and their opponents sixty-six. But the sweeping victory of our comrades of the labor party of Australia encountered no such discriminations, and they have the honor of winning the first clear national victory and securing all its fruits in the complete control of both houses, and consequently the government has passed into their hands and Comrade Andrew Fisher, representative from Wide Bay, elected by a majority of 1,994 over a fusion candidate, is to-day prime minister. In an interview Comrade Fisher said that the policy of the new administration would be the same as that announced in the platform and adhered to by the International Socialist party, that the labor defense scheme which the labor party has been struggling for during the past ten years would at last be put into effect and its promises regarding a progressive land-value taxation would be fulfilled. In speaking of the election results he said: "There were many contributory causes. In the first place, our time had come. Labor's progress has been a steady one for many years and nothing could prevent the party from achieving success. Had there been no fusion, we should, I believe, have won the election, but the fusion against us made our victory the greater."

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Charles H. Morrill, the lone Socialist member of the Massachusetts Legislature, introduced and

forced to a passage a bill making it mandatory for employers advertising for help to state that a strike is on, if such be the fact. Labor will soon know its real friends.

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President Taft at Jackson, Mich., proclaimed Socialism as the great problem that confronts the American people, the issue that is soon to come and that must be skillfully met. By its history, he declared, the Republican party has shown itself capable of dealing with the great questions effectively and wisely, and he predicted that the American people must soon determine whether it shall trust the same party with the solution of "that problem than which we have had no greater in the history of the country."

Does that mean that the Republican party will introduce Socialism?

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"Well, I was only partially bald when I started using your stuff; now I haven't a hair."

"Well, then you're cured of your partial baldness, aren't you?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

This well illustrates capitalist exploitation. "From him who hath not (much) shall be taken even that which he hath."

The Girl to Marry

The finest girl is the young lady who makes her mother her sweetheart, and who loves her mother more than she does all this world. You give me the girl who will stay by her mammy; and, boys, when you find that sort of a girl, you drive your ducks up to that market and sell them. And if you cannot sell them, give them away—that's the thing to do right there. The girl that will stay by her mammy is worth her weight in gold.—Rev. Sam P. Jones.

"Mamma," said little Ethel, who had been vainly trying to make the preliminary preparation with a needle and thread, "I do believe this needle is cross-eyed."—*Good Housekeeping.*

Freedom of contract for the laborer without capital is merely freedom to die of hunger; for how can he live if he does not accept whatever conditions may be imposed upon him? Freedom to go when he likes, is another meaningless phrase; for is not the working man who has a wife and children tied to the spot where he is settled? How can he seek employment elsewhere when he lacks the means of satisfying his first needs. Freedom of labor, what is it, except the competition of laborers reducing their wages to the lowest point?—Von Ketteler.

Always one class has preyed upon another class. The strong, from the beginning, have stolen their bread; and, what is worse, they have despised their bakers. They have discredited the natural facts of alimentation, and they have sponged upon the poor. What hope of wise, deliberate science, of joyous, perennial art and permanent civic glory in a world that is ashamed of its stomach, filches its food, and despises the souls of laborers? What hope of religion if you flout the central sacrament of the body of God?—Charles Ferguson.

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He is setting up His Standard as He promised in His Word;
He at last will wreak the vengeance which is His alone to wreak,
For the wrongs man's cruel SYSTEMS have imposed upon the weak.

He has heard the cries of anguish from the weary tortured souls;
He is in the Wave of Protest as around the world it rolls.
He is calling men to battle, asking them to dare the Fight
For the overthrow of Mammon, for the full triumph of Right.

He has seen the Savior's message scorned, and thrown aside by Greed;
He has seen the slaving millions in their poverty and Need;
He has seen the weeping widows plundered of their scanty store;
He has seen the wolf Starvation as he stalked from door to door.

He has seen poor fallen women driven to a life of shame,
He has heard the Drivers calling long and loud upon His name;
He has heard the Child-Slaves sobbing as they fell beneath the Lash,
He has seen their Masters' Faces darkened with the Crimson Splash.

He has seen the gilded mansions where the fountains sing and hum,
He has seen the filth and squalor of the city's wretched slum;
He has seen the Ruling Classes claiming wealth by right Divine;
He has seen the Toiling Masses bowing 'neath their yoke like kine.

He has seen the Dungeons crowded with the victims of the Law;
He has seen His Church polluted by the print of Mammon's paw;
He has seen the greedy "Shylocks" wringing Profits from the poor;
He has seen the awful carnage on the battle-stricken moor.

He is marshalling His Army which shall rid the world of wrong,
And the Whirlwind of His Anger will destroy the proud and strong;
Systems, Institutions, Churches will be strewn along the way
As the Army of Jehovah marches onward in the Fray.

Kingdoms of the earth will crumble, kings will feel the Wrath of God;
Governments will be in ruins where His Mighty Host has trod;
But beyond the "Time of Trouble" He has promised He would send
Christ, His Son, to Reign in Gladness in a world that should not end.

O, What joy for weary mortals, what a boon for the oppressed!
That beyond the final struggle, there will be a "Time of Rest"—
That the "Time of Restitution," "Time of Jubilee" and mirth,
Long Foretold, and long Expected, has Begun upon the Earth.

To North Carolina Socialists

The Socialists of North Carolina will hold a State convention at Greensboro July 4. A large attendance is expected. All comrades desiring to get in touch with the movement in that State will please address Wm. T. Bradford, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Milwaukee

Here is an amusing little incident of the new administration: During the last city campaign a certain Milwaukee anti-Socialist lawyer was awfully concerned about the incompetency of the Social-Democratic candidate for city attorney. Our candidate was inexperienced and utterly unfit for the office, said this anti-Socialist lawyer—and he even insisted that our candidate had never won a case!

But the voters of Milwaukee did not listen to these plaints. They elected our candidate, Comrade Hoan, to the city attorney's office.

Now, one of the first cases that Comrade Hoan has tried was the case against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, to compel it to lower its tracks through the city, thus protecting the lives of the people, and especially the workingmen on their way to work, and children on their way to school. And one of the lawyers on the side of the railway happened to be this very same anti-Socialist lawyer who was so much concerned about Comrade Hoan's incompetency.

He does not worry about it any more. Comrade Hoan won the case, and he lost.

Is anybody else worrying lest the Socialist administration in Milwaukee should prove incompetent? He may as well calm his fears.

The way our Social-Democrats are handling all the departments is enough to silence half the objections that have ever been made to putting Socialists into power—especially the objection that only private owners can manage big business successfully.

It is true that the power of the Socialists in Milwaukee does not go very far. But their influence extends much farther than their power—for the capitalist politicians are much afraid that the Socialists will catch them if they don't watch out.

This is undoubtedly the reason that since the Socialists carried Milwaukee a difference has been noticed even in the courts. Suits brought under various factory laws for the protection of children, cases against child labor, etc., are receiving much more attention than ever before.

This is not because the courts love the working class any better than they did before April 5. But—they are learning a little wholesome apprehension.

Some Socialists outside of Milwaukee were a little disturbed because Mayor Seidel took an expert for the office of health commissioner, instead of a dyed-in-the-wool Socialist. These comrades forgot that hygienic laws are not governed by the law of surplus value.

For such a department as the board of public works, however, there may be reasons why a Social-Democrat can do the best work. It is therefore gratifying that Comrade Harry E. Briggs has been chosen to that office. One of his first acts was to choose Comrade J. J. Handley as his assistant. His second act will be to eliminate all waste in his department. The practice of buying everything needed in the department at retail prices has prevailed heretofore, to the profit of many private concerns and to the loss of the city. Comrade Briggs will establish a buying department, which will have charge of all purchases made and will be directly responsible for economic management.

This is one of the ways in which the Social-Democrats are stopping up all the LITTLE LEAKS—in order to have funds for the BIG THINGS that we are planning.

A far more important means of stopping the leaks is the measure introduced by Comrade Victor L. Berger in the Milwaukee Common Council. This provides for the unit system of cost-keeping. It will doubtless pass the Council at its next meeting.

"Every trust," Comrade Berger says, "has this system. The difference between Milwaukee and the trusts will be that the trusts adopt it for purely financial reasons, while Milwaukee will adopt it from the standpoint of the political economist."

This method, together with other smaller economies of the various departments, will undoubtedly furnish money enough to inaugurate the big municipal housing plan now proposed by our Social-Democrats.

Thus the greatest and grandest of all projects ever yet undertaken in this country will be started in Milwaukee — a project for PROVIDING BEAUTIFUL AND SANITARY HOMES TO THE WORKING CLASS AT COST.

In connection with this work of stopping the leaks, it is worth noting that our Social-Democratic city attorney has dug up an old provision in the franchise of the street railway company which requires that every car run shall carry a license. These licenses would cost $15 each. Somehow this provision was most conveniently forgotten under all the capitalist administrations of the last ten years. Only when the Social-Democrats came into office was it unburied, to the discomfiture of the street railway boss.

Of course the point will be contested in the courts. But the capitalistic exploiters and grafters are beginning to find that court decisions do not always go in their favor nowadays.

The one lone Social-Democrat on the Park Board is making things lively. The majority of the board holds over from the last administration. But our one newly-appointed Socialist is stirring things up to the best of his ability. For instance, he is demanding an investigation of the kind of truck which is sold as food and beverages in the parks. He says that more care is taken in feeding the animals in the Zoo than in feeding our children in the parks of Milwaukee.

Thus our men, each in his own line, are pushing the work forward. We have to begin with little things. But the Milwaukee Social-Democrats have always won by being "faithful in that which is least." This is the reason why they have been made "rulers over more."

ELIZABETH H. THOMAS,
State Secretary.

Active Comrades

You do not know and I cannot tell you how glad I am to know that the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST is to become a weekly.—W. J. Fowler, Gaspamco, Tex.

I will be glad when you get the weekly paper started and hope to be able to do more for it. Yours for the Cause.—G. H. Poor, Milwaukee, Wis.

Very glad the paper is to be made a weekly.—Dr. Levi Parker, Boston, Mass.

Think the idea of a weekly is a good one, and you may count on my support.—W. F. Spollett, Haverhill, Mass.

I am glad you are going to make it a weekly.—D. Morgan, St. Paul, Minn.

Only a few have expressed themselves as doubtful of the wisdom of attempting a weekly—and they declare they will help make it a success.

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J. H. Ragsdale, principal of the McCracken County (Ky.) High School, sent in a minister's sub, asked for a bundle of samples and promised to get subscriptions this vacation. We are wondering if many more teachers will not do the same. It would help our paper wonderfully. We will be glad to furnish the samples.

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We are proud of our loyal workers and need the number greatly increased, that the millions in every country of earth may some time, also, have a vacation. They have been working long and weary years. Their lives are crushed and despair broods in their breasts. Oh, let us hasten to break their chains!

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"I have been a Socialist for the last ten years and have only read your paper six months. I consider it the best paper in the movement. It enabled me to reach people I could not mention Socialism to before. Long life to you and your CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST. Yours for the Revolution NOW."—C. R. Miller, Associate Secretary Naval Y. M. C. A., Vallejo, Cal.

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"Find enclosed $3. Please send bundle of fifty each issue for a period of three months."—John Boyle, Rec. Sec. Homewood Branch, Pittsburg. Oh, that hundreds of locals would do likewise!

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"Dear Comrades: Your letter of recent date received and contents noted. In reply will say you are on the firing line in one of the greatest fights that has ever been waged in behalf of humanity, and you can depend on all the help I can possibly give you. The CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST is in a class by itself and its influence is being felt more than any other Socialist paper. You are doing a noble work and doing it well. Enclosed find check for $5, for which send me the twenty sub cards. I will take care of the names which you sent as soon as possible."—Jesse R. Johnson, Clay Center, Kan.

Isn't this letter a bugle-call to stir many to action who have been negligent of their opportunities to help the cause?

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Comrade Ernest E. Rider of Salem, Mass., ordered a bundle of samples and writes the following: "I will, in stamped wrapper, address one to each clergyman in this city. I believe the frequent bombardment of thinking men (if honest) will finally cause them to capitulate to the forces of truth and righteousness, which I believe Socialism is blazing the way for more than all other factors put together. Only a workingman, I yet can and do think, and my heart aches for the great weary, suffering mass of my fellow beings in the bondage of want and oppression through the unholy profit demands of Mammon. May God, our Heavenly Father, abundantly bless you, dear comrades, in your labors for humanity." Our hearts say a fervent Amen, and we pray a like prayer for this noble comrade and all other workingmen who are trying to wake up the preachers to the tremendous importance of the Socialist movement. How they need waking up!

Prize Takers

We have decided upon a new plan to encourage club getters, which will be announced soon. Owing to the fact that so many active workers are taking advantage of the opportunity to get twenty sub cards for $5, the competitive prize plan has cost this paper too much for the size and number of the clubs. Our plan of twenty subs for $5 is the best bargain to be had in Socialist literature.

Winners of the first five prizes in contest for fortnight ending June 25, 1910:

	Subs.
T. D. Marshall, Latonia, Calif.	7
J. C. Davis, Neosho, Mo.	6½
J. R. Crickard, Valley Head, W. Va.	5½
John Taylor, Tacoma, Wash.	5
Alfred Cooper, Kansas City, Kan.	5

Winners of the second prizes:

George Jones, Lewistown, Pa.	5
James Mack, Vinton, Iowa	5
Dr. W. J. Cole, Miami, Fla.	5
O. Gudenrath, Shelbyville, Tenn.	5
C. Steinbach, Chelsea, Mich.	3

The winners must write stating what books they desire as per the following offer:

Those who send the five largest clubs any fortnight may have choice of Mills' "Struggle for Existence," or any $2 worth of books published by the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST (the Co-Operative Printing Co.), or any $2 worth of books published by Kerr & Co. (such as "Capital," "The Ancient Lowly," etc.), or FOURTEEN COPIES of Moyer's Songs of Socialism (with music), or any $1.50 book listed in this paper published by a capitalist house.

The second five highest clubs bring as a reward Kutter's great book, "They Must," or any other $1 worth of books published by the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST, or any $1 worth of books published by Kerr & Co. (such as Vail's "Principles of Scientific Socialism," etc.), or SEVEN COPIES of Moyer's Songs of Socialism (with music).

Twenty Sub Cards for $5.00

Orders for twenty or more sub cards since last report:

W. H. Robinson, Alameda, Cal.; Chas. Payson, Boston, Mass.; F. W. Bader, Boulder, Colo.; Rev. C. R. Williams, East Boston, Mass.; Grant Chapin, Green, Kan.; E. G. Beebower, Willoughby, O.; Wm. Pidgeon, Rochester, N. Y.; C. W. Hallett, Wauseon, O.; W. A. Middaugh, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Frank C. Page, Franklin Falls, N. H.; D. Morgan, St. Paul, Minn.

Donations received on our deficit since last report:

W. C. Francis, Kingsbury, Tex.	$ 1.00
Mrs. E. H. Spelty, Corning, Cal.	2.00
W. G. Funston, Mansfield, O.	1.15
W. E. Boynton, Ashtabula, O.	1.00
O. Gudenrath, Shelbyville, Tenn.	2.50
W. B. Holmes, Holmes Crossing, Canada	2.00
Rev. James L. Smiley, Annapolis, Md.	2.00
F. B. Nevins, State Soldiers' Home, Ohio	.75
Previously reported	447.00
Total	$459.40

Forty-one dollars needed yet to close this call.